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BY HIS MOTHER.

My Cousins, I come to your mountain home
From this Western land, where the wild deer roam.
Where the Parsons scream thru' the tall, tall trees,
And the Oriole swing in the passing breeze.

Here the sun peers down his forest ray,
And the insects swarm thru' the living day.
Here the squirrel sits in the grassy den,
And the Wild Bear lurks in his forest den.

Here left that sultry land so fair,
Elsewhere in health with your mountain air,
And to wander at will by your cooling streams,
Where oft I have roamed in my fevered dreams.

LINCOLN'S MESSAGE.

DEMAND FOR FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN
AND FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Elders-Citizens of the Senate

And House of Representatives:
Having been convened on an extraordinary occasion, as authorized by the Constitution, your attention is not called to any ordinary subject of legislation.

At the beginning of the present Presidential term, four months ago, the functions of the Federal Government were found to be generally suspended within the several States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida, excepting those only of the Post-Office Department.

Within those States all the forts, arsenals, dock-yards, custom-houses, and the like, including the moveable and stationary property in and about them, had been seized and held in open hostility to this Government; excepting only Forts Pickens, Taylor and Jefferson, on and near the coast; and Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor, South Carolina.

The forts thus seized had been put in improved condition, new ones had been built, and armed forces had been organized, and were organizing, all avowedly with the same hostile purpose. The forts remaining in the possession of the Federal Government in and near these States were either besieged or menaced by warlike preparations, and especially Fort Sumter was surrounded by well protected hostile batteries, with guns equal in quality to the best of its own, and outnumbering the latter as perhaps, ten to one.

A disproportionate share of the Federal muskets and rifles had somehow found their way into these States, and had been seized to be used against the Government. Accumulations of the public revenue lying within them had been seized for the same object. The Navy was scattered in distant seas, leaving but a very small part of it within the immediate reach of the Government. Officers of the Federal army and navy had resigned in great numbers, and of those resigning a large proportion had taken up arms against the Government.

Simultaneously, and in connection with all this, the purpose to sever the Federal Union was openly avowed. In accordance with this purpose an ordinance had been

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adopted in each of these States, declaring these States respectively to be separated from the National Union. A formula for instituting a combined Government of these States had been promulgated, and this illegal organization, in the character of Confederate States, was already invoking recognition, aid and intervention from foreign powers.

Finding this condition of things, and believing it to be an imperative duty upon the incoming Executive to prevent, if possible, the consummation of such an attempt to destroy the Federal Union, a choice of means to that end became indispensable. This choice was made and declared in the inaugural address. The policy chosen looked to the exhaustion of all peaceful measures before a resort to any stronger ones. It sought only to hold the public places and property not already wrested from the Government, and to collect the revenues, relying on the rest for time, disengagement and the ballot-box.

It promised a continuance of the mails at government expense to the very people who were resisting the Government, and it gave repeated pledges against any disturbance to any of the people or any of their rights. Of all that a President might constitutionally and justifiably do in such a case, everything was forbore without which it was deemed possible to keep the Government on foot.

On the 5th of March, the present incumbent's first full day in office, a letter from Major Anderson, commanding at Fort Sumter, written on the 28th of February, and received at the War Department on the 4th of March, was by that Department placed in his hands. This letter expressed the professional opinion of the writer that reinforcements could not be thrown into that fort within the time for his relief, rendered necessary by the limited supply of provisions, and with a view of holding possession of the same, with a force of less than 20,000 good and well-disciplined men. This opinion was concurred in by all the officers of his command, and their memoranda on the subject were made enclosures of Major Anderson's letter.

The whole was immediately laid before Lieutenant General Scott, who at once concurred with General Anderson in opinion. On reflection, however, he took full time, consulting with officers both of the Army and Navy, and at the end of four days came reluctantly but decidedly to the same conclusion as before. He also stated at the same time that no such sufficient force was then at the control of the Government, or could be raised and brought on the ground within the time when the provisions in the fort would be exhausted.

In a purely military point of view, this reduced the duty of the Administration in the case to the mere matter of getting the garrison safely out of the fort. It was believed, however, that so to abandon that position under the circumstances would be utterly ruinous; that the necessity under which it was done could not be fully understood; that by many it would be construed as a part of a voluntary policy; that at home it would disorganize the friends of the Union, embolden its adversaries, and go far to ensure to the latter a recognition abroad. That, in fact, it would be our national destruction consummated. This could not be allowed.

Starvation was not yet upon the garrison, and ere it would be reached, Fort Pickens might be reinforced.

This last would be a clear indication of policy, and would better enable the country to accept the evacuation of Fort Sumter as a military necessity. An order was at once directed to be sent for the landing of the troops from the steamer Brooklyn into Fort Pickens. This order could not go by land, but must take the longer and slower route by sea.

The first return news from the order was received just one week before the fall of Fort Sumter. The news itself was that the officer commanding the Sabine, to which vessel the troops had been transferred from the Brooklyn, acting upon some quasi armistice of the late Administration, and of the existence of which the present

Administration, up to the time at which the order was dispatched, had only too vague and uncertain rumors to fix attention, had refused to land the troops. To now reinforce Fort Pickens, before a crisis could be reached at Fort Sumter, was impossible, rendered so by the near exhaustion of provisions in the latter named fort.

In precaution against such a conjunction, the Government had, a few days before, commenced preparing an expedition, as well adapted as might be, to relieve Fort Sumter, which expedition was intended to be ultimately used or not, according to circumstances. The strongest anticipated case for using it was now presented, and it was resolved to send it forward.

As had been intended in this contingency, it was also resolved to notify the Governor of South Carolina that he might expect an attempt would be made to provision the fort, and that if the attempt should not be resisted, there would be no effort to throw in men, arms or ammunition without further notice, or in case of an attack upon the fort. This notice was accordingly given, wherupon the fort was attacked and bombarded to its fall, without even awaiting the arrival of the provisioning expedition.

It is thus seen that the assault upon and reduction of Fort Sumter was in no sense a matter of self-defence on the part of the assailants. They well knew that the garrison in the fort could by no possibility commit aggression upon them. They knew that they were expressly notified that the giving of bread to the few brave and hungry men of the garrison was all which would on that occasion be attempted, unless themselves, by resisting so much, should provoke more.

They knew that this Government desired to keep the garrison in the fort, not to assail them, but merely to maintain visible possession, and thus to preserve the Union from active and immediate dissolution, trusting, as hereinbefore stated, to time, discussion and the ballot-box for final adjustment; and they assailed and reduced the fort for precisely the reverse object—to drive out the visible authority of the Federal Union, and thus force it to immediate dissolution. That this was their object, the Executive well understood.

And having said to them in the inaugural address, "you can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors," he took pains not only to keep this declaration good, but also to keep the case so free from the power of ingenious sophistry, as that the world should not be able to misunderstand it. By the affair at Fort Sumter, with its surrounding circumstances, that point was reached.

Then and thereby the assailants of the Government began the conflict of arms, without a gun in sight or in expectancy to return their fire, save only the few in the fort, sent to that harbor years before for their own protection, and still ready to give that protection in whatever was lawfully given.

In this act, discarding all else, they have forced upon the country the distinct issue—immediate dissolution or blood—And this issue embraces more than the fate of these United States. It presents to the whole family of man the question whether a constitutional Republic or Democracy—a government of the people by the same people—can or cannot maintain its territorial integrity against its own domestic foes. It presents the question whether discontented individuals, too few in number to control administration according to organic law in any case, can always, upon the pretences made in this case, or in other pretences, or arbitrarily without any pretence, break up their government, and thus practically put an end to free government upon the earth.

It forces us to ask, is there in all respects this inherent and fatal weakness? Must a government of necessity be too strong for the liberties of its own people, or too weak to maintain its own existence? So viewing the issue, no choice was left but to call out the war power of the Government, and so to resist force employed

doubtless loyal citizens, it is nevertheless very injurious in effect.

Recurring to the action of the Government, it may be stated that at first a call was made for 75,000 militia, and rapidly following this a proclamation was issued for closing the ports of the insurrectionary districts by proceedings in the nature of a blockade. So far all was believed to be strictly legal.

At this point, the insurrectionists announced their purpose to enter upon the practice of privateering.

Other calls were made for volunteers to serve three years, unless sooner discharged and also for large additions to the regular Army and Navy.

These measures, whether strictly legal or not, were ventured upon under what appeared to be a popular demand and a public necessity, trusting, as now, that Congress would readily ratify them. It is believed that nothing has been done beyond the constitutional competency of Congress.

Soon after the first call for militia, it was considered a duty to authorize the commanding general, in proper cases, according to his discretion, to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, or, in other words, to arrest and detain, without resort to the ordinary processes and forms of law, such individuals as he might deem dangerous to the public safety. This authority has purposely been exercised, but very sparingly.

Nevertheless, the legality and propriety of what has been done under it are questioned, and the attention of the country has been called to the proposition that one who is sworn to take care that the laws be faithfully executed should not himself violate them.

Of course some consideration was given to the question of power and propriety before this matter was acted upon. The whole of the laws which were required to be faithfully executed were being resisted, and failing of execution in nearly one-third of the States. Must they be allowed to finally fail of execution, even had it been perfectly clear that by the use of the means necessary to their execution some single law, made in such extreme tenderness of the citizen's liberty that practically it relieves more of the guilty than of the innocent, should, to a very limited extent, be violated? To state the question more directly, are all the laws but one to go unexecuted, and the government itself go to pieces lest that one be violated?

Even in such a case would not the official oath be broken if the Government should be overthrown, when it was believed that disregarding the single law would tend to preserve it? But it was not believed that this question was presented. It was not believed that any law was violated.

The provision of the Constitution that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless when, in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require, is equivalent to a provision—that such privilege may be suspended when, in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety does require it.

It was decided that we have a case of rebellion, and that the public safety does require the qualified suspension of the writ which was authorized to be made.—Now, it is insisted that Congress and not the Executive is vested with this power.

But the Constitution itself is silent as to which or who is to exercise the power, and as the provision was plainly made for a dangerous emergency, it cannot be believed the framers of the instrument intended that in every case danger should run its course until Congress should be called together, the very assembling of which might have been prevented, as was intended in this case by the rebellion. No more extended argument is now offered, as an opinion of some length will probably be presented by the Attorney General.

The forbearance of this government had been so extraordinary and so long contin-

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ued as to lead some foreign nations to shape their action as if they supposed the early destruction of our National Union was probable.

While this, on discovery, gave the Executive some concern, he is now happy to say that the sovereignty and rights of the United States are now everywhere practically respected by foreign powers, and a general sympathy with the country is manifested throughout the world.

The reports of the Secretaries of the Treasury, War and Navy will give the information in detail deemed necessary and convenient for your deliberation and action, while the Executive and all the Departments will stand ready to supply omissions, or to communicate new facts considered important for you to know.

It is now recommended that you give the legal means for making this contest a short and a decisive one that you place at the control of the Government for the work at least 400,000 men and \$400,000,000. That number of men is about one-tenth of those proper ages within the regions where apparently all are willing to engage and the sum is less than the twenty-third part of the money value owned by the men who seem ready to devote the whole.

A debt of six hundred millions of dollars now is a less sum per head than was the debt of our Revolution when we came out of that struggle; and the money value in the country now bears even a greater proportion to what it was then than does the population. Surely each man has as strong a motive now to preserve our liberties as each had then to establish the Union.

A right result, at this time, will be worth more to the world than ten times the men and ten times the money. The evidence reaching us from the country leaves no doubt that the material for the work is abundant, and that it needs only the hand of legislation to give it legal sanction and the hand of the Executive to give it practical shape and efficiency. One of the greatest perplexities of the Government is to avoid receiving troops faster than it can provide for them. In a word, the people will save their government, if the Government itself will do its part only indifferently well.

It might seem at first thought to be of little difference whether the present movement at the South be called secession or rebellion. The movers, however, well understand the difference. At the beginning they knew they could never raise their treason to any respectable magnitude by any name which implies violation of law. They knew their people possessed as much of moral sense, and as much of devotion to law and order, and as much pride in and reverence for the history and government of their common country, as any other civilized people. They knew they could make no advancement directly in the teeth of these strong and noble sentiments; accordingly they commenced by an indirect discrediting of the public mind.

It is not contended that there is any express law for it; and nothing should ever be implied as law which leads to unjust or absurd consequences.

The nation purchased with money the countries out of which several of these States were formed. Is it just that they shall go off without leave and without reasoning? The nation paid very large sums, in the aggregate, I believe, nearly one hundred million, to relieve Florida of the aboriginal tribes.

Is it just that she shall now be cut off without consent, or without making any return? The nation is now in debt for money applied to the benefit of these so-called seceding States, in common with the rest. Is it just, either, that creditors should gain nothing, or the remaining States pay the whole? A part of the present national debt was contracted to pay the old debts of Texas. Is it just that she shall escape and pay no part of this herself?

Again, if one State may secede, so may another; and when all shall have seceded, where are left to pay the debts. Is this quite just to ourselves? Did we notify them of this sage view of ours, when we borrowed their money?

This sophism derives much, perhaps wholly, of its currency, from the assumption that there is some Quarantine and Sacred Sanctuary pertaining to a State, to each State of our Federal Union. Our States have neither more nor less power than that reserved to them in the Union by the Constitution, none of them ever having been a State out of the Union. The original ones passed into the Union even before they cast off their British Colonial dependence, and the new ones each came into the Union directly from a condition of dependence, excepting Texas; and even Texas in its temporary independence was never designated as a State. The new ones only took the designation of States on coming into the Union, while that name was first adopted "for the old ones in and by the Declaration of Independence."

Therein the United Colonies were declared to be free and independent States, but even then the object plainly was not to declare their independence of the Union, but directly the contrary, as their mutual pledge and their mutual action before, at the time, and afterwards, abundantly show. The express plighting of faith by each and all of the original thirteen in the articles of confederation, two years later, that the Union shall be perpetual, is most conclusive.

Having never been States either in substance or in name outside of Union, whence

this magical omnipotence of State rights, asserting a claim of power lawfully to destroy the Union itself? Much is said about the sovereignty of the States, but the word, even, is not in the National Constitution, nor, as is believed, in any of the State Constitutions. What is a sovereignty in the political sense of the term?—Would it be far wrong to define it "a political community without a political superior?" Tested by this, no one of our States except Texas ever was a sovereignty; and even Texas gave up the character of coming into the Union, by which act she acknowledged the Constitution of the United States, and the laws and treaties of the United States, made in pursuance of the Constitution, to be for her the supreme law of the land.

The States have their status in the Union, and they have no other legal status. If they break from this, they can only do so against law and by revolution. The Union, and not themselves separately, procured their independence and their liberty; by conquest or purchase the Union gave each of them whatever of inde-

pendence the point that the one, because it is a minority, may rightfully do what the others, because they are a majority, may not rightfully do. These politicians are subtle and profound on the rights of minorities. They are not partial to that power which made the Constitution and speaks from the preamble, calling itself, "We, the people."

It may well be questioned whether there is to day a majority of the legally qualified voters of any State, except, perhaps, South Carolina, in favor of disunion. There is much reason to believe that the Union men are in the majority in many, if not in every other one of the so-called seceded States. The contrary has not been demonstrated in any one of them. It is ventured to affirm this of even Virginia and Tennessee; for the result of an election of held in military camps, where the bivouacs are all on one side of the question voted upon, can scarcely be considered as demonstrating popular sentiment. At such an election all that large class who are at once for the Union and against secession would be coerced to vote against the Union.

It may be affirmed, without extravagance, that the free institutions we enjoy have developed the powers and improved the condition of our whole people beyond any example in the world. Of this we now have a striking and impressive illustration.

So large an army as the Government has now on foot was never before known, without a soldiers in it, but who had taken his place there of his own free choice.—But more than this: there are many single regiments whose members one and another, possess full practical knowledge of all the arts, sciences, professions, and whatever else, whether useful or elegant, is known in the world. And there is scarcely one from which could not be selected a President, a Cabinet, a Congress, and perhaps a Court, abundantly competent to administer the Government itself.

Now do I say this is not true also in the army of our late friends, now adversaries, in this contest. But if it is, so much better the reason why the Government which has conferred such benefits on both them and us should not be broken up. Whe-

ver, in any section, proposes to abandon such a Government, would do well to consider in reference to what principle it is that he does it what better he is likely to get in its stead—whether the substitute will give, or be intended to give, so much of good to the people. There are some foreshadowing on this subject.

Our adversaries have adopted some declarations of independence in which, unlike the good old one penned by Jefferson, they omit the words, "All men are created equal"—Why? They have adopted a temporary National Constitution, in the preamble of which, unlike our good old one signed by Washington, they omit "We the people," and substitute "We the Deputies of the Sovereign and Independent States." Why?

Why this deliberate pressing out of view the rights of men and the authority of the people?

This is essentially a people's contest. On the side of the "no" it is a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government, whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men, to lift artificial weights from all shoulders, to clear the paths of lawable pursuits for all; to afford all an unfettered start and a fair chance in the race of life. Yielding to partial and temporary departures from necessity, this is the leading object of the Government for whose existence we contend. I am most happy to believe that the plain people appreciate this. It is worthy of note that, while in this, the Government's hour of trial, large numbers of those in the army and navy, who have been favored with the offices, have resigned and proved false to the land which had pampered them; not one common soldier or common sailor is known to have deserted his flag.

Great honor is due to those officers who remained true despite the example of their traitorous associates. But the greatest honor and the most important fact of all is the unanimous firmness of the common soldiers and common sailors. To the last man, so far as known, they have successfully resisted the traitorous efforts of those whose commands but an hour before they obeyed as absolute law. This is the patriotic instinct of plain people. They understand, without an argument, that destroying the Government which was made by Washington, means no good to them.

Our popular Government has often been called an experiment. Two points in it our people have settled—the successful establishing and the successful administering of it. One still remains: its successful maintenance against a formidable internal attempt to overthrow it. It is now for them to demonstrate to the world that those who can fairly carry an election can also suppress a rebellion. The ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of bullets, and that when ballots are fairly and constitutionally decided, there can be no successful appeal back to bullets. That there can be no successful appeal, except to ballots themselves at succeeding elections. Such will be a great lesson of peace teaching men that what they cannot take by an election neither can they take it by war; teaching all the folly of being the beginners of a war.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
July 4, 1861.

Lest there be some uneasiness on the minds of candid men as to what is to be the course of the Government toward the Southern States after the rebellion shall have been suppressed, the Executive deems it proper to say, *it will be his purpose then, as ever, to be guided by the Constitution and the laws;* and that he probably will have no different understanding of the powers and duties of the Federal Government relatively to the rights of the States and the people under the Constitution, than that expressed in the inaugural address. He desires to preserve the Government, that it may be administered for all as it was administered by the men who made it.

Loyal citizens everywhere have the right to claim this of their Government and the Government has no right to withhold or neglect it. It is not perceived that in giving it there is any coercion, any just sense of these terms.

The Constitution provides, and all the States have accepted the provision, that the United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union "a republican form of Government." But if a State in this Union may lawfully go out of the Union, having done so it may also discard the republican form of Government, so that to prevent its going out is an indispensable means to the end of maintaining the guarantee mentioned; and when an end is lawful and obligatory, the means indispensable to it are also lawful and obligatory.

It was with the deepest regret that the Executive found the duty of employing the war power in defense of the Government forced upon him. He could but perform this duty, or surrender the existence of the Government.

No compromise by public sentiment could in this case be a cure. Not that compromises are not often proper, but that no popular government can long survive a marked precedent that those who carry an election can save the Government from immediate destruction by giving up the main point upon which the people gave the election.

The people themselves, and not their servants, can safely reverse their own deliberate decisions.

As a private citizen, the Executive could not have consented that these institutions shall perish—much less could he, in betrayal of so vast and so sacred a trust as these free people had confided to him. He felt that he had no moral right to shrink, nor even to count the chances of his own life in what might follow.

In full view of his great responsibility, he has so far done what he has deemed his duty. You will now, according to your own judgment, perform yours. He sincerely hopes that your views and your action may so accord with his, as to assure all faithful citizens who have been disturbed in their rights, of a certain and speedy restoration to them under the Constitution and the laws.

And having thus chosen our course without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.

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A TRICK.—It is said that John M. Botts, of Richmond, Va., is in Washington city, and proposes to take a seat in Lincoln's Congress by virtue of 175 votes which he pretends to have received for that office, for which he says he declared himself a candidate, and of course there were no votes against him. Indeed it may well be doubted if there were any votes for him. Where were the polls opened? who held them? what officer has given him a certificate of election?

It is probable that a like pretense to represent North Carolina will be set up. See the following, from the Washington Correspondent of the New York Times of June 24th:

"Chas. H. Foster announces himself as an unconditional Union man from the first district of North Carolina. In a handbill dated at Murfreesborough, he notifies the people of the district, that by a law of North Carolina, the first Thursday in August is the day fixed for the election of Representatives in Congress, and on that day he invites the electors to give him their suffrages, and cast their ballots, without fear or intimidation."

We hope the good people of the 1st District will keep a sharp look-out for the holder of the Foster poll on the 1st Thursday in August. And it might not be amiss to be on the watch in other Districts. If any attempts should be made to hold such an election, we trust that the offenders will be dealt with *legally*, and not by Lynch law. We are opposed to the latter under all circumstances; and the law is abundantly sufficient to punish treason.—*Fayetteville Observer.*

TENNESSEE.—President Davis has issued his proclamation recognizing Tennessee as one of the Confederate States.

The War and the North.

We have been favored, says the South Carolinian, with the following extract of a private letter, dated New York, June 18:

"I agree with you that it is the true policy of the South to extend the time and duration of this war. An agricultural country such as yours, abounding in all the elements of greatness, and with the means within herself to sustain, feed and clothe large armed forces, while her wealth, in the shape of her cotton, is being produced, ready for the consumption of foreign nations, is in strong contrast with shop-keeping North. We are trading people, dependent on our commerce for wealth.—The New England States owe entirely to commerce and manufactures her present riches. Her ship-owners, after the slave trade was pronounced piracy, monopolized the whole carrying trade of the country, dividing it between the imports from China and the exports of cotton from the South; and their manufactures were sustained by Southern cotton and Southern consumption.

A blockade, therefore, of your ports, and the free and general incuse of privateers, most certainly destroys the security in shipping and food for the mills of Lowell. And in what respect does New York and Philadelphia differ from New England? In nothing. Their existence is dependent upon the uninterrupted free trade with the South. So, also, is the West—the great grain-producers of the Continent. Ahead is distress and dissatisfaction, making itself heard even at Washington. Seven-eighths of their crops have been realized in cash. What will the West be with a continuance of this war three years? What, in fact, will the entire North be? Ruin, ruin, ruin. And we know one sees it. Republicans hide it from the people, and ery, with patriotic nobleness, 'Push on the war by numbers will we conquer.' The Republicans are not all Abolitionists, but the Abolitionists are all Republicans. Their press conceals the truth from the people, who are not yet awake to think for themselves; but as a celebrated banker told me to day in a whisper, 'Sir, all this is deception, and if this war is not pushed forward successfully, and, before the fall, a peace secured, the truth will come out; then the horrors of war will fall like a thunderbolt on the heads of the deceivers—a short war, or our early destruction.'

The South has every inducement to continue this war. She enriches her people by throwing them upon their own resources; necessity is the parent of ingenuity and invention, and I honestly believe the non-intercourse alone which, it presents, and the necessity of producing, a hostile and bitter feeling on your part, so to present a resumption of trade after peace is secured, is worth the entire cost of this war to you. There is an awful retribution in store for the North, and I shudder when I think of it. There are a few who believe in your subjugation; they may talk it, but not undertake it. All been done through the influence of the Puritan Governors of the free States—Andrews, Dennison, Morgan, &c.—pushed on by W. H. Seward and Chase. Lincoln was told by these fools, make war and you will save your party; recognize the Southern treason by admitting their Government *de facto*; you not only make yourself amenable to impeachment, but you annihilate Republicanism. Phillips, the mouth piece of 30,000 Abolitionists, does not conceal his repugnance to both plans.

He says recognition of the Southern Government is reconstructed on the basis of *their* Constitution, (for the great mass of the people pay very little attention to the Constitution they live under, so long as the liberty of making money is not restricted,) which recognize property in slaves. He is opposed to the war, because it will recoil on his party when the day of retribution comes. His plan is, "Let the South slide;" the North will annex free Canada, and will build up a consolidated, powerful Government, free from the curse of holding man in bondage. I wish his councils touching peace would be followed; in this respect only is he worthy of notice. Yet is it not strange that thinking, intelligent men do not call for peace? Every other man you meet now talks war. The Government is assailed, and must be supported; but there is an under current; a few speak their wishes in whispers, and they fall on willing ears. Another Bethel Church blow from Jeff. Davis, and the whispers will be more audible."